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1. UPON CONFIRMATION BY THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS, AID/W IS PREPARED TO APPROVE A SECTION 607 DETERMINATION THAT WOULD PERMIT PROVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES TO VENEZUELA ON A SELF-FINANCED BASIS BEGINNING JULY 1, 1974.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE A BREAKDOWN OF THE PROPOSED DOLS 163,000 BUDGET TO BE ASSUMED BY THE GOV. WE ASSUME, FOR EXAMPLE, ALL IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM COSTS INCLUDING SALARIES

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AND OTHER EXPENSES FOR THE U.S. ADVISORS AND THE LOCAL

EMPLOYEE WOULD BE COVERED IN THIS BUDGET. GIVEN VENEZUELA'S CLEAR CAPACITY TO PAY, WE WOULD EXPECT VENEZUELA ALSO TO ASSUME BEGINNING WITH FY 75 ALL COSTS (INCLUDING PER DIEM, COURSE COSTS, AND TRAVEL) OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO POLICE ACADEMY IN WASHINGTON.

3. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, WE CANNOT CONCUR WITH PROPOSED PROVISION OF RENT-FREE OFFICE SPACE IN THE EMBASSY FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM, WHICH COULD READILY BE SEEN AS NOT RESPONSIVE TO THE INTENT OF THE FAA OF 1973.

4. CONTINUED U.S. FINANCING IN FY 75 FOR ONE OFFICER

WHOSE DUTIES WOULD BE CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS TRAFFIC WILL REQUIRE A SEPARATE WASHINGTON DECISION. THIS DECISION WILL BE BASED ON FULL CONSIDERATION OF REF. B. RUSH

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